

the trainees at Fire Station 27. In addition to her work on the job, Master Technician Lee serves as Secretary and Treasurer of the Fairfax County Asian Firefighter Association.

Technician William Harrington has been a Fairfax County firefighter for eight years, serving as an EMS Technician for the past four. He is also a paramedic and has volunteered as a preceptor to instruct new medics. He is described as tireless and thorough, and goes above and beyond even on his days off. Technician Harrington truly exemplifies the motto of "service above self," through his initiative and ability to lead by example in even the most dangerous of situations. He is a role model to all and sets the tone for others to follow and succeed.

Fire Technician Antwaun Hawkins has served for more than 11 years with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and has been with West Springfield station since 2012. He currently serves as the EMS Technician on the B-shift and is Operator in Charge of Medic 427 nearly every day. He has successfully completed Hazmat School and is completing Inspections training to build his skills, expertise, and to open up advancement opportunities in the future. Even with the demands of his position and family responsibilities to his wife and sons, he is known for his calming presence and philosophical conversations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me commending the West Springfield Rotary Club for its support of our community and our first responders, and in congratulating the recipients of the 2016 Fire, Rescue, and First Responders of the Year awards. These individuals along with their colleagues throughout the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department do not hesitate to place themselves in harm's way to protect and serve county residents and property. I thank each of them for their service, bravery, and dedication. Stay Safe.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP BOGGY CREEK

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Camp Boggy Creek, headquartered in Orlando, Florida, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Camp Boggy Creek was founded in 1996 by actor/philanthropist Paul Newman and General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, with one simple premise in mind, that every child, no matter their illness, could experience the transformational spirit and friendships that go hand in hand with camp. With unobtrusive expert medical care, it was their dream that Camp would provide seriously ill children with a fun-filled experience defined by compassion, laughter and acceptance.

Since 1996, Camp Boggy Creek has made it possible for children with serious illnesses to enjoy a camp experience in a safe, medically sound environment. Located in central Florida, the 232-acre camp serves children ages 7 through 16 who have been diagnosed with chronic or life-threatening conditions.

Camp Boggy Creek never charges campers to attend and never asks them to contribute

anything other than a positive, playful attitude. The camp is entirely funded by generous donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and healthcare partners. Camp Boggy Creek is a proud member of SeriousFun Children's Network.

As a year-round retreat, Camp Boggy Creek is able to serve thousands of campers and their families through activity-packed weekly and weekend camp programs. The camp offers children the chance to catch their first fish, go horseback riding or climb a ropes tower, all while making new friends. Beyond boundless fun, Camp Boggy Creek provides fellowship. Children can spend time with others who are just like them and share their life-experiences, which serves as a reminder that they are not alone.

It is my honor to recognize Camp Boggy Creek on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RETIRED AIR FORCE MASTER SERGEANT FRED "BULLDOG" BECKER

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House Floor today with a heavy heart. On June 11, 2016, a "Bulldog" in the Alaska Veterans community passed from our world, and joined his comrades from Vietnam, family, and friends in Heaven above. On behalf of the countless Alaskans who were touched by Retired Air Force Master Sergeant Fred "Bulldog" Becker, Mr. Speaker, I would like to share my condolences with his son Fred, daughters Elizabeth, Melinda, and their many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I recall one special occasion when I joined Bulldog on our nation's birthday, July 4, 2010, after he and his brothers in arms rode across the country in honor of fallen Naval Chief Special Warfare Operator Lance Vacarro. From the moment we met so many years ago, to that day in 2010, and until his passing, his commitment to his fallen brothers was never-ending, and I will always treasure our friendship.

Mr. Speaker, though Bulldog was never one to flaunt his own achievements, it is only fitting to mention several of them in recognition of this remarkable Alaskan. Bulldog served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years, including three tours in Vietnam, before retiring in 1981. Among his many commendations, he is the recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf cluster, a Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Mr. Speaker, upon "Bulldog" Becker's retirement, he chose to call the great state of Alaska home. In Alaska, and across the country, he was a tireless advocate for our nation's veterans. He proudly dedicated his life to serving our nation, my home State of Alaska, and all those who wore the uniform of our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, Master Sergeant Becker never backed down from a challenge. A proud member of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club and later the Combat Veterans Motorcycle

Club, he always fought to ensure our men and women in uniform received the care and respect they not only deserved, but earned.

Mr. Speaker, I have always believed that a hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than themselves. In the eyes of anyone who knew him, MSgt. Fred "Bulldog" Becker was a true American hero. Bulldog, Godspeed my friend, until I see you again, riding through the clouds of Heaven.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 16, 2016 the House voted on 26 amendments to H.R. 5293, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017. Congressman CONYERS offered an amendment, roll call vote number 327, to block funds from being used to transfer or authorize the transfer of cluster munitions to Saudi Arabia. Amendment votes are taken in quick succession, with two minutes allowed for each. I mistakenly voted NO when I meant to vote AYE on Mr. CONYERS' amendment.

Saudi Arabia is a U.S. ally in the Middle East, supporting our counterterrorism efforts in the region. As with many allies, the United States enters into agreements to sell military equipment to help achieve mutual goals. Included in the sale with Saudi Arabia were cluster munitions. Alarming, Saudi Arabia has used cluster munitions contrary to U.S. law which prohibits the use of this weapon in populated areas and those that have a failure rate of above 1 percent.

Cluster munitions contain multiple, explosive submunitions that are released mid-air and spread out, making targeting a specific location difficult and may put civilians in harm's way. The weapon is designed to kill enemy personnel and destroy their transportation and infrastructure. When used improperly, the cluster munitions are a danger to innocent civilians. Additionally, unpredictable landings and explosive remnants can put civilians in danger long after the violence had ended. This is a human rights issue.

President Obama recently blocked the sale of cluster munitions to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen amid reports by human rights organizations that have documented killing and wounding of civilians in violation of U.S. law. I support the President's decision to halt the sale of these dangerous weapons and support Congressman CONYERS' amendment to prevent the sale of cluster munitions in the Department of Defense Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2017.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the North

Springfield Civic Association on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

North Springfield was forest and meadows when developer Edward R. Carr received the permits to create a community here. Construction started in 1954, and the first homes were occupied around July 1, 1955. The North Springfield Civic League (later renamed Association) was formed shortly thereafter with the first official meeting on January 25, 1956.

Over the last 60 years, the North Springfield Civic Association has led the effort to promote civic pride among its residents, inform the community about local and regional issues that affect the residents, and advocate for land use policies and public service investments that benefit the community. The quality of life and community spirit enjoyed by the residents now is a testament to their success.

As the former president of my own civic association, I know firsthand that when residents invest their time, care, and energies in their communities, it benefits us all. Fairfax County is considered one of the best places in the nation in which to work, live, and raise a family, largely because of the willingness of so many to become actively involved.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the North Springfield Civic Association on its 60th anniversary and in thanking all of the residents for their tireless efforts and dedication to the community and region.

TRIBUTE TO ROCKY HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rocky Heights Middle School for being designated as a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform this year. This designation recognizes Rocky Heights Middle School, as well as 145 other schools nationwide, as being on-track to fulfill the requirements to be designated as a school of high performance.

Rocky Heights Middle School's designation as a School to Watch places it in an elite tier of adolescent education institutions. The National Forum sets criteria for high performance in middle schools, which includes, creating an environment that challenges all students, setting up structures that address and account for the significant and unique challenges of students in early adolescence, and ensuring that students have access to high-quality teachers and resources. Rocky Heights Middle School, as a School to Watch, is well on its way to meeting these criteria.

Its high level of academic achievement and its strong community have fostered an excellent educational environment for the students of Rocky Heights.

This designation is an affirmation of the excellent achievements of Rocky Heights' students, as well as the continually improving work being done by the faculty. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the students and teachers of Rocky Heights Middle School for being one of the nation's premier adolescent education institutions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on June 10, 2016, I attended a funeral and I was unable to vote on H.R. 5325, H. Con. Res. 89, and H. Con. Res. 112.

If present, I would have voted "yea" on Ellison of Minnesota Amendment No. 2, "nay" on Blackburn of Tennessee Amendment No. 6, "yea" on Takano of California Amendment No. 11, "nay" on Pearce of New Mexico Amendment No. 13, "yea" on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 5325 with Instructions, "nay" on passage of H.R. 5325, "nay" on H. Con. Res. 89, and "nay" on H. Con. Res. 112.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I regretfully missed the following roll call votes on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Had I been present I would have voted "NO" on the following roll call votes: Roll Call 341—H. Res. 797, the rule for the Conference Report for H.R. 2577. Roll Call 342—H.R. 2577, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 and Zika Conference Report.

RECOGNIZING THE 2016 INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LIFE- TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RE- CIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2016 recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Awards presented by the Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development (IES).

IES was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices and to help sales professionals and organizations maximize their efforts. IES conducts a variety of workshops and programs designed to provide the knowledge and tools necessary to advance the careers and growth of those who attend. Each year, IES recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations throughout the United States who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development. Awards are presented in categories including Excellence in Sales Innovation, Excellence in Sales Training, Excellence in Sales Management, Excellence in Customer Partnering, and Excellence in Strategic Alliances. In addition, Lifetime Achievement Awards are bestowed to a select few who have demonstrated continued success and have made significant contributions in their fields.

The recipients of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Awards are the founders and leaders of immixGroup, a government contract management firm based in McLean, Virginia in the heart of the 11th District. I am pleased to congratulate Art Richer, Steve Charles and Jeff Copeland on receiving this prestigious award.

Mr. Richer currently serves as Vice-President, Arrow ECS. An accomplished sales and business development executive who has spent more than 25 years selling information technology products and services within the government sector, Mr. Richer has extensive experience working with technology manufacturers of all sizes, ranging very large and established companies to numerous high growth and emerging technology firms.

Mr. Charles co-founded immixGroup in 1997. Over the past two decades he has helped hundreds of technology manufacturers succeed in the government marketplace. Mr. Charles is actively involved in government-industry associations including TechAmerica, ACT-IAC, Coalition for Government Procurement, and the National Contract Management Association. A recognized expert in every dimension of the government technology ecosystem, he meets regularly with leaders in government and industry to increase understanding and positive action.

Mr. Copeland began his career with immixGroup as co-founder of the company along with Mr. Charles. Beginning in 1997, he served as Chairman and CEO before transitioning to Executive Chairman in 2013. Mr. Copeland has earned a reputation for building and managing highly effective government teams that set records for revenue and profitability.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Art Richer, Steve Charles and Jeff Copeland for their innovative and effective leadership and in congratulating them on receiving the 2016 IES Lifetime Achievement Awards.

RECOGNIZING FATHER GEOFFREY BARAAN ON HIS SERVICE

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Father Geoffrey Baraan in celebration of over a decade of dedicated service as Pastor of St. Anne Catholic Church in Union City.

Before Father Geoffrey became a priest he was a counselor, a role that helped him understand the many needs and concerns of the people to whom he has ministered.

He entered St. Joseph College Seminary in Los Altos in 1990 and completed his studies at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. Diocese of Oakland Bishop John Cummins ordained him to the priesthood in 1997, and he began serving as parochial vicar at St. Augustine Parish in Pleasanton. Later he was appointed parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish in Pinole and then as parochial administrator at St. Ignatius Parish in Antioch in 2001. In 2005, he assumed the role of Pastor at St. Anne.

During his time as Pastor, Father Geoffrey was a beloved figure who inspired countless people. His compassionate communal leadership fostered unity in one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse parishes in the